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Repairs to close Corps' Ice Harbor navigation lock two days

Walla Walla, Wash., -- The navigation lock at Ice Harbor Dam will be taken out of service for approximately two days, beginning tomorrow morning, according to an operations official of the Walla Walla District, U. S. Corps of Engineers.

Ice Harbor, near the Tri-Cities in Washington, is about 10 miles upstream on the Snake River from its confluence into the Columbia River. It will be taken out of service beginning at 6 a.m., April 25, for emergency repair work on the upstream gate. A contractor will be working around the clock to repair cracks in welds on the structural steel of the upstream gate at the lock, according to Carl Knaak, in the project operations section at the District's headquarters.

The work is necessary to prevent serious damage to the gate. If the work were delayed and the gate were to fail completely, it could cause a significantly longer outage to repair or replace the gate, explained Bob Hollenbeck, from the District's engineering division.

Workers from the Knight Construction Co., Spokane, Wash., will complete the work estimated to cost less than \$150,000.

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